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AARON ROSAND, JOSEPH SEIGER TO PERFORM ON JANUARY 6

Violinist Aaron Rosand and pianist Joseph Seiger will present a concert on January 6 at 8 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress. The concert will be sponsored by the McKim Fund.

Mr. Rosand is highly acclaimed for his virtuoso and poetic performances of the Romantic repertoire. He performs and records as soloist and as guest artist with major symphonies around the world. Mr. Seiger began his musical career in Tel Aviv, Israel, and later graduated from the Manhattan School of Music. From 1952 to 1967 he was pianist for violinist Mischa Elman. He currently serves on the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music and is a member of the Manhattan Trio.

The program will include *Sonata in B minor* by Ottorino Respighi, Partita in D minor for solo violin by Johann Sebastian Bach, and two works by Maurice Ravel, *Sonata* and *Tzigane.*

Tickets for the concert will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W. beginning at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 3. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Tuesday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert will be broadcast live by radio station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

CLR TO PREPARE TECHNICAL PLAN FOR NATIONAL PERIODICALS CENTER

At the request of the Library of Congress, the Council on Library Resources, Inc. (CLR) has undertaken the preparation of a detailed implementation plan for a national periodicals center. The plan will contain the technical requirements necessary to operate such a center, including location and design of a facility, equipment, personnel, services, collection, management, data processing support systems, schedules, prices, and costs. The study will require approximately eight months to complete.

Creation of a national periodicals center was the central recommendation of a report commissioned and, earlier this year, endorsed by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The report proposes that the Library of Congress be the responsible agent in the implementation of the center, which would contain a comprehensive, dedicated collection of periodicals to supplement local resources.

The Library of Congress will form an advisory group to consider the implications of the technical plan and other matters related to a national periodicals center. If the Library and the committee confirm the recommendation that a Library-administered center is the most appropriate route to effective sharing of periodicals, and if the necessary funds are available, the Library will undertake to establish and operate the proposed lending facility. It is anticipated that the technical plan resulting from the study will be usable by another agency should the Library of Congress find it unfeasible to assume management responsibility.

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Christmas Greetings to the Staff
From The Librarian of Congress

Happy New Year from our house to your house. Every day Ruth and I rediscover the delights of being a part of the Library of Congress community. At this season of family and friendship, we can celebrate anew our opportunity to work together.

JOURNALISM IS THEME OF DECEMBER 8 LUNCHEON

Thirty-five distinguished representatives of print and broadcast journalism, government, and the Library of Congress met in the Whittall Pavilion on Thursday, December 8, for a luncheon colloquy on the changing nature of journalism. The occasion for the gathering was the retirement of commentator Eric Sevareid from a 38-year career with CBS.

Mr. Sevareid was photographed before luncheon with (left to right) The Assistant Librarian of Congress Donald C. Curran, The Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, and Adoreen McCormick, legislative liaison officer. In the photo at the right, news commentator Martin Agronsky studies the showcase exhibit of material relating to broadcast journalism mounted for the occasion by the Manuscript Division. Behind Mr. Agronsky are Marjorie Hunter, New York Times, *and Dale Haworth, assistant chief, Prints and Photographs Division.*

Other luncheon guests included The Ambassador of Norway; Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin; James Reston, New York Times; *Larry Grossman, president of the Public Broadcasting Service; Richard Neustadt, White House Domestic Policy Staff; Mary McGrory,* Washington Star; *Henry Loomis, president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; William Safire,* New York Times; *John Summers, National Association of Broadcasters; David Schoumacher, WJLA-TV; Sanford Socolow, CBS; Ray Scherer, RCA Corp.; Len Allen, Radio/Television News Directors Association; Robert Abernathy, NBC; Erik Barnouw, Library of Congress consultant on film and broadcasting; and Nan Robertson,* New York Times.

CLR TO PREPARE TECHNICAL PLAN FOR NATIONAL PERIODICALS CENTER

(Continued from p. 832)

C. Lee Jones, director of the Health Sciences Library at Columbia University, will be the project director for the study, which will be carried out by CLR staff members and consultants. Mr. Jones brings to this endeavor a variety of experience in industrial engineering, library building construction, and serials systems design. Warren J. Haas, CLR vice president, will oversee the planning group's activities. In addition to CLR, several other foundations are supporting the cost of preparing the plan.

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SLEET NOR NEW YORK CITY . . .

by Margaret McClellan Gatti

On Tuesday, August 30, of this year an ambitious young librarian set out from Berkeley, Calif., on an inspired cross-country mission. Bill Lun is a librarian from Hong Kong who had recently obtained a post graduate certificate in library automation from the University of California at Berkeley. His mission was to acquaint himself with the American people, the American library system, and to visit the "mecca" of all libraries, that is, the Library of Congress. His mode of transportation was a vehicle propelled by human muscle, sweat, and determination—a bicycle.

And so Mr. Lun, a man with a purpose, pedaled—from Berkeley to Seattle. . .from Minneapolis to Madison. . .from Pittsburgh to Buffalo. . .and on. He pedaled up and down, through cities and towns, in snow, rain, and wind. He met the American people—the friendly, the indifferent, the slow-walking. He toured America's libraries—the big and the small, the city and the university. His was not always an easy trek—he would, at one point, confront and ultimately overcome an obstacle that surely would have defeated many a lesser librarian—New York City. It may be that no one ever leaves New York unscathed, and Mr. Lun was unfortunately no exception. While bicycling across the Brooklyn Bridge in the rain, he fell down the steps of the pedestrian walkway and broke both bike and nose. Shaken, but undaunted, he traded in his bike for a backpack and proceeded by bus on his journey, which brought him to the Library of Congress on November 22.

Bill Lun spent only a few days here, but during that time tried to see as much of the Library as possible, visiting the Processing Department, the MARC Editorial Office, the Network Development Office, and the Information Systems Office.

Upon completion of his tour of the Library of Congress, Mr. Lun planned to head south, continuing his cross-country adventure. Commenting on his trip, he said he thought it had proven worthwhile and enjoyable and that he was very grateful to all the helpful people he had encountered. As for advice, he said to make advance arrangements, not to ride at night, and to avoid the Brooklyn Bridge!

STAFF NEWS

Dorothy Pollet Named Education Liaison Officer

Dorothy Pollet, reference specialist in the General Reference and Bibliography Division since February 1975, has been appointed education liaison officer in the Office of The Librarian. Among her duties will be coordinating visits of American and foreign dignitaries and librarians, providing program assistance to scholars, and acting as the Library's liaison with universities with intern programs.

Dorothy Pollet came to the Library of Congress in May 1972 as a reference librarian/bibliographer in the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, later becoming assistant head of the Reference Section of DBPH. She was selected for the Library of Congress Intern Program in September 1974. Subsequently, as a reference specialist, she assisted readers in the Main Reading Room and researched and drafted replies to reference questions.

She is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, where she received her B.A. in 1969. From 1964 to 1967 she did undergraduate work at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York. Her master of library science degree was awarded by the Syracuse University School of Information Studies. She is also

At the opening of the Seventh Annual LC Employee Art and Crafts Show on Sunday afternoon, December 11, Richard Klank, artist and professor of painting and coordinator of studio art, University of Maryland, provided a commentary on the exhibit, which will remain on view through December 26. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin and Assistant Librarian Donald C. Curran were present for the opening, as were officials of the show's sponsoring organizations, the Library of Congress Professional Association and Welfare and Recreation Association, artists, and their guests. A fuller account of the exhibition appeared in the LC Information Bulletin *for December 2 on pp. 795-796.*

working on a master's degree in public administration.

Author of a number of articles in professional library journals, she is currently co-editing a book on library guidance systems.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Willie Bradford, filer searcher, GS-4, Loan, 5041; Arlene Wilson, analyst, international trade and finance, GS-12, CRS E, 4989.

Temporary Appointments: Clare Chambers, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; John Oliver, worker-trainee, GS-1, Cop Ref, NP; Joseph Sullivan, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600.

Promotions: Linda Cox, to secretary to Register of Copyrights, GS-9, Cop Reg, 5092; Guy Echols, CRS L, to paralegal specialist, GS-9, Cop Reg, 5144; Gregg Esenwein, CRS D, to economic analyst, GS-7, CRS E, 5022; Sandra Turner, OGC, to paralegal specialist, GS-9, Cop Reg, 5144.

Resignations: Ella Arterberry, Ord; Robert Dimichele, S&R; Deborah Warren, Cat Publ.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

John P. Balys of the Slavic and Central European Division gave a lecture at the Third Lithuanian Symposium on Arts and Sciences in Chicago, Ill., on November 26 on the "Social Aspects in the Songs of the Lithuanian Emigrants." The lecture was based chiefly on the material collected by the speaker among American Lithuanians in 1949-50 and recently published as a book.

Edward P. Cambio of the Union Catalog and International Organizations Reference Section, General Reference and Bibliography Division, is the compiler of the second, revised, and expanded edition of *The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions: A Selected List of References.* This 52-page bibliography of 379 items was prepared for IFLA as part of the Library of Congress participation in the observance of the federation's 50th anniversary. Cited are materials issued by or under the auspices of the federation, its council, offices, sections, and working groups, as well as selected works about IFLA and its various subdivisions. Brief information about IFLA's history, structure, and functions is also included. Copies of the bibliography are available from Verlag Dokumentation, POB 711009, D-8000 München 71, Federal Republic of Germany, at a cost of DM 16.80 each or DM 12.80 for IFLA members (IFLA Publications, 11; ISBN 3-7940-4431-2).

Joseph C. Hickerson, Head of the Archive of Folk Song, spoke on "A History of Field Recording of Oral Traditions in America" on December 2 at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Speech Communication Association in Washington, D.C.

Leo A. Orleans, Research Department, is the author of "The China Model: Another Look" which appeared in the recent issue of *International Development Review* (No. 3, 1977).

Francis S. Wagner, cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division, is the author of two articles entitled "Ethnic Cooperation in the Danube Valley: Federation in Czechoslovakia" and "Notes on the Philosophy of History of Modern Slovakia" which appear in the 1977 issue (Vol. 4, Nos. 1-2) of *Studies for a New Central Europe.* Mr. Wagner also has prepared a nine-page study, *Fifty Years in the Laboratory: A Survey of the Research Activities of Physicist, Zoltan Bay* (Philadelphia, Alpha Publications, Inc., 1977).

William Matheson, chief of the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, is the author of the initial essay, "What Book Collecting Is All About," in a new book from R. R. Bowker entitled *Book Collecting: A Modern Guide.* The 288-page study is available from Bowker for $15.95 (ISBN 0-8352-0985-7).

Harvey Satenstein, production manager in the Publishing Office, is currently teaching an advance course on book design, production, and estimating in the Publication Specialist Program at The George Washington University. The program is designed for those interested in a career in book, magazine, or periodical publishing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gail S. Teamer of Serial Record Division, Editing and Input Section, was married to **Vincent Burke** on November 12. Mr. Burke is employed in the Law Library of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lisa Nickerson, analyst in American national government in the Congressional Research Service, and her husband, **Nelson Rimensnyder,** are the parents of a daughter, Sara Grace, born November 23 at George Washington University Hospital. Mr. Rimensnyder is a staff member of the House Committee on the District of Columbia.

Sandra Osbourn and **Tom Hanna** are the parents of a boy, William Alexander, born November 30 at the Columbia Hospital for Women. The mother is a staff member in the Government Division.

The **Health Services Office** in cooperation with the Prevention of Blindness Society will offer eye tests for the detection of glaucoma for interested employees age 35 or over, or those of any age with a family history of glaucoma. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary and free of charge. Glaucoma is increased tension in the eye which gradually destroys sight unless found and treated early. About 2 in every 100 people have glaucoma, and in families with a history of glaucoma, the rate increases to 10 out of 100. The tests will be conducted on January 10 and 11 in the Thomas Jefferson Building Health Room, room 1017, and January 12 in the Navy Yard Annex Health Room, room 344. Schedules for testing will be distributed after employee response is known.

The course in **Basic Manual Communication** (originally announced in the December 9 LC *Information Bulletin,* p. 811) will be offered on January 23 through March 6 instead of the dates previously announced. The class will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. (a quarter hour later than before) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Although course requests (Optional Form 170) were due in the Training Office by December 15, late applications may still be considered.

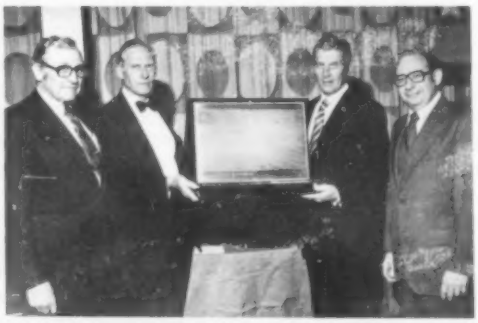
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Exploring American History: Two Reading Lists. 1977. (v., 30 p.) Marvin W. Kranz of the General Reference and Bibliography Division compiled these bibliographies, which were orginally published in the LC *Information Bulletin* on February 11, April 22 and 29, and May 6 of this year. Included are "American History: A Basic Reading List" and "Biographies of the Presidents of the United States." The booklet is available free from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

LC Classification Additions and Changes. ISSN 0041-7912. List 187. July-September 1977. (133 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541 for $30 a year. Single issues are $7.50.

Library of Congress Catalogs: Chinese Cooperative Catalog. ISSN 0095-1072. October 1977 (v, 265 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $350 for the year's subscription which consists of 12 monthly issues and an annual cumulation.

Monographic Series. ISSN 0093-0571. 1976 (1977) Vol. 3, Kory-Sai. (874 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $150 for three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation.



Sir John Moreton, minister of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., and Fred Schwengel, president of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, have jointly presented to the Library of Congress a silver-gilt facsimile of the Magna Carta. Edmond L. Applebaum, director of the Administrative Department, accepted the gift on behalf of the Library at a special ceremony at the British Embassy on November 3. The facsimile has been produced in a limited edition by the same company that made the copy which was placed on view in the U.S. Capitol when the original document was returned to London following temporary display in Washington, D.C., during the Bicentennial year. The first and second copies of the facsimile to be produced were presented to the British Library and the Library of Congress. Pictured during the presentation ceremony are (left to right) Mr. Schwengel, Mr. Moreton, John W. Warner, former administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, and Mr. Applebaum.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Commencing Publication After December 31, 1949. ISSN 0028-6680. November 1977 (iv, 47 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at $190 for the year's subscription which consists of eight monthly and four quarterly issues, and an annual volume which cumulates one to five years.

New Serial Titles–Classed Subject Arrangement. ISSN 0028-6699. November 1977. (51 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and published monthly by the Library of Congress. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $40 a year.

Supplement to LC Subject Headings. January-March 1977. Quarterly cumulative supplement to the 8th edition. (x, 147 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $35 a year.

Library of Congress Regulations: No. 818-11 (November 9) defined the Library's policy on charging all materials withdrawn from the Law Library; No. 818-11.1 (November 9), former LCR 818-11, Suppl. 1, was revised to prescribe the current procedures under which readers may simultaneously use materials from the law and general classified collections.

Special Announcements: No. 870 (November 10) gave the Library's holiday schedules for Christmas and New Year's; No. 871 (November 17) notified the staff of the temporary closing of the Senate Stationery Room; No. 872 (December 1) concerned the assignment of street parking for Library staff carpools.

Press Releases: No. 77-117 (November 28) Translator of Greek Poetry will Lecture at LC; No. 77-118 (December 2) Library of Congress Sponsors Combined Book Exhibit; No. 77-119 (December 9) Emerson String Quartet to Perform in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress in a Special Program in Memory of Abraham Kaminstein; No. 77-120 (December 13) Press Advisory; No. 77-121 (December 16) South Georgia Folklife Booklet Issued by Library of Congress.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

San Martín Society Organized

The San Martín Society of Washington, D.C., held its first organizational meeting in the Hispanic Reading Room of the Library of Congress on September 3. The founding members of the society are Carlos Alurralde, Veronica de Elisetche, Georgette M. Dorn, Marcelo Elissetche, Juan Carlos Torchia Estrada, Roberto Etchepareborda, Cristián García Godoy, Eliana R. de García Godoy, Charles P. Heeter, Mrs. Charles Heeter, Dolores Moyano Martin, Rodolfo Martínez, Carlos Paldao, and Federico G. Van Der Wens.

The society was organized in honor of General José de San Martín, the military hero of Argentine independence, who also liberated Chile and Peru from Spanish colonial rule. He is perhaps best known for the daring feat of crossing with his troops the forbidding Andean cordiller. The San Martín Society of Washington will endeavor to encourage scholarship centering around this historical Argentine figure.

Further information concerning the society may be obtained by writing to Christián García Godoy,

Secretariat for Management, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C. 20006.

[*Georgette M. Dorn*]

Japan Library Association Meets

The 1977 annual conference of the Japan Library Association was held on September 28-30 in Osaka and Kyoto with 1,300 delegates attending.

The opening ceremony at the Prefectural Youth Hall in Osaka began promptly at 1 p.m. with welcoming remarks by Jujiro Kataoka, director of Osaka Prefectural Nakanoshima Library. Greetings by Tatsuo Morita, president of the Japan Library Association, and Ryoichi Kuroda, governor of Osaka Prefecture, were followed by remarks from Mayor Yasushi Oshima of Osaka who welcomed the conference and the delegates to Osaka which was last the site of the conference 22 years ago.

Three congratulatory messages then followed. The message of Toshiki Kaifu, minister of education, was read by Tetsu Beppu, councillor of the Ministry's Bureau of Social Education. The message of Sadataka Miyasaka, librarian of the National Diet Library, was read by Deputy Librarian Heihachiro Suzuki. The message of Eric Moon, president of the American Library Association, was read in Japanese by Andrew Y. Kuroda, field director of the Library of Congress Tokyo Office. The ceremony ended with closing remarks by Shigeru Tanaka, director of the Central Library of the City of Osaka.

The plenary session in the form of a symposium, "Images of Libraries and Librarians Sought by Modern Society," was held in the same hall following the opening ceremony. The three speakers were a commentator, a prefectural governor, and a university professor.

The conference on the second day was divided into eight sections, meeting in eight different buildings in Osaka. The programs were on (1) the growth of libraries and the role of the local governments, (2) library services to the physically handicapped, (3) publications distribution and libraries, (4) libraries and the freedom to read, (5) institutionalizing specialist librarians, (6) research libraries and researchers' need for information, (7) libraries and children's reading needs, and (8) libraries for junior colleges.

The conference moved to Kyoto on the third day and held its last plenary session and the closing ceremony in Kyoto Hall. Three resolutions were presented and adopted. One of them, presented by the Society for the Securing the Right to Read for the Blind, requested that more emphasis be placed on producing braille books rather than recordings on the ground that recordings invariably transmit the narrator's feeling as well as the text of a work. After a slide presentation of libraries and library services in the Kyoto-Osaka area, the conference ended at noon with the closing ceremony. The 1978 conference of the Japan Library Association will be held in Aomori on October 12-14. [*Andrew Kuroda*]

ACM Holds Conference

The Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) sponsored a three-day conference on November 3-5 in Chicago, Ill. The theme of the conference was "Management Issues in Automated Cataloging." The chairman was Daniel Gore, library director, MacAlester College. The program chairmen were Joseph Kimbrough, director, Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center, and Peter Spyers-Duran, library director, California State University, Long Beach.

The session opened on Wednesday, November 3, with remarks made by Dan Martin, president of the ACM. The speakers included Brett Butler, Peter Spyers-Duran, S. Michael Malinconico, Sanford Berman, Henriette D. Avram, Mary L. Fischer, Robert H. Blackburn, Glyn T. Evans, John Kountz, and William Axford in that order, and the panel, chaired by Peter Spyers-Duran, included Bruce Alpern, Richard De Gennaro, Brian Hatvany, Lois Kershner, Frederick Kilgour, and John Kountz.

The topics discussed were varied and all of management interest. Among them were the issue of managing an institution's automated data base or using outside services, staff and human relations issues in automating a catalog, the advantages of Computer-Output-Microfilm (COM), and some experiences in the use of COM, issues of present cataloging practices, the effect of nationwide networking activities on cataloging decisions, issues of concern in the use of the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) to the user, the library, the network, and OCLC, and the problems of shelflist conversion. [*Henriette D. Avram*]

LC Subject of Meeting

The Technical Services Section of the Mountain Plains Library Association met in Rapid City, S. Dak., on November 4. Technical and public services librarians from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming attended a program on change at the Library of Congress with special reference to automating its catalog, discontinuing its card catalog, and the impact such changes might have on services to other libraries.

A colored photographic slide lecture provided a tour of such changes as new orientation programs to readers, voluntary part-time catalog-user assistance by catalogers, the new Computer Catalog Center, the status of automation in the Library's technical services operations, anticipated changes in cataloging procedures and services affecting libraries using Library of Congress cataloging, and some speculations on the significance of recent advances in computer and communications technology for the library catalog in the near future.

The program lecturer, David Remington, chief of the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service, suggested that despite current concerns over closing card catalogs, libraries might more profitably view this time as an opening of the library catalog to a variety of new forms of bibliographic display: book catalogs, microform catalogs, on-line catalogs, and inter-linked combinations. In an era focusing on resource sharing, these new forms allow outreach and service to readers not possible when the card catalog was the only form in which the library catalog existed. It was also suggested that all forms of the library catalog—including the card catalog—would exist together in different combinations during the coming years.

It was suggested that the role of the private and public sector bibliographic services must be discussed and clarified. Leadership in finding solutions to library and library network problems is coming from both sectors.

In the question-and-answer period the need for coordination with planned changes at the Library of Congress was emphasized, especially timely and detailed information on specific cataloging changes, explicit indication in MARC records and on printed cards of the presence of name headings which have been changed from ALA or AACR I rules to AACR II, and the need for access to the procedure manuals followed by Library of Congress descriptive and subject catalogers and MARC input staff.

[*David G. Remington*]

Archives Group Meets at LC

Participants of the 39th Institute in Modern Archives Administration, held in Washington, D.C., spent one day, November 9, at the Library of Congress in a program organized by the Manuscript Division.

Manuscript Division staff members who addressed the gathering were John C. Broderick, chief, who spoke on "Acquisition of Manuscripts and Personal Papers, Past History and Present Practice"; John D. Knowlton, head of the Preparation Section, on "Organization, Description, Preservation, and Handling"; Carolyn H. Sung, head, Reference and Reader Service Section, and John McDonough, manuscript historian, on "Reference and Reader Service." Alan Virta, Manuscripts Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, discussed *The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*. The day concluded with tours of the Manuscript Division and the Library's Restoration Office.

The Institute is sponsored by American University in cooperation with the National Archives and the Library of Congress. Some 46 archivists and curators participated in the 39th Institute, which was headed by C. F. W. Coker of the Printed Archives Branch, National Archives and Records Service, and editor of *The American Archivist*. [*John McDonough*]

COMING EVENTS

The **University of Maryland College of Library and Information Services** will offer a graduate seminar this coming spring on the conservation of archival and library materials, to be taught by Christopher Clarkson, adjunct lecturer and conservator of the Walters Art Gallery. Mr. Clarkson was formerly head conservator in the Library of Congress Restoration Office. The conservation seminar will meet weekly on Monday evenings from January to May. Further information is available from the college's Admissions Office by calling (301) 454-3016.

"Going to the Source: An Introduction to Research in Archives" will be offered by the **National Archives and Records Service**, Washington, D.C., on January 16-19. The course is intended for the general researcher, historian, social scientist, university instructor, graduate student, or librarian. Including all materials, the cost of the course is $50. Enrollment is limited to 25 persons. More information is available from Elsie Freivogel, Education Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408, tel. (202) 523-3298.

The hearing on freezing the LC catalogs, sponsored by ALA's **Reference and Adult Services Division's Catalog Use Committee**, will be held Tuesday, January 24, from 8:30-10:30 p.m. (rather than 2-4 p.m. as previously announced). A room assignment will be made later.

The **Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.**, is holding a panel on "The Law Library's Response to the New Copyright Law" on Wednesday, January 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium

of the Library of Congress. The keynote speaker is James F. Davis of Howrey and Simon, Washington, D.C., and the panelists are Marlene C. McGuirl, chief of the American-British Law Division, Library of Congress; Austin Doherty, librarian, Hogan & Hartson; and Harry S. Martin, II, librarian, Georgetown University Law Library. The registration fee is $5, and registrations should be mailed to Michael Boren, librarian, Cohen & Uretz, 1775 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. A coffee hour will begin at 8:45 a.m.

The **Society of American Archivists** (SAA) will hold its third and fourth workshops on the care of historical records on February 12-17, at the Texas State Library in Austin (cosponsored by the Society of Southwest Archivists) and on April 30-May 5 at Mt. Holyoke College near Amherst, Mass. (cosponsored by the New England Archivists). The registration fee for each workshop is $52, which covers the cost of the use of facilities and instructional materials. Information and applications forms are available from the SAA national office at The Library, Post Office Box 8198, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Chicago, Ill. 60680. The application deadlines for the two workshops are January 7 and March 15, respectively.

AWARDS

Applications are now being accepted for the 1978 **David H. Clift Scholarship** and the 1978 **Louise Giles Minority Scholarship**, both sponsored by ALA. The $3,000 scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing master's degrees in library education in an ALA-accredited program. Applicants should be U.S. or Canadian citizens and, in addition, Giles Minority Scholarship applicants should be members of a principal minority group. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 9 or received at ALA on or before January 13. They should be sent to the David H. Clift Scholarship Committee or Louise Giles Minority Scholarship Committee, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

January 15 will be the deadline for nominations for the **two GODORT awards** to be presented by ALA's Government Documents Round Table in 1978. The James Bennet Childs Award recognizes a distinguished contribution to the documents field that has a national and international impact. The CIS/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People" Award honors an individual or library, institution, organization, or other noncommerical group that has most effectively encouraged the use of Federal documents in support of library services. The $1,000 cash stipend that the award carries is donated by the Congressional Information Service, Inc. Nominations for both awards should be directed to the jury chairman, Jaia Heymann, Drew University Library, Madison, N.J. 07940.

The **Dartmouth Medal** Committee of ALA's Reference and Adult Services Division is now accepting nominations for that award, which is presented annually to creators of reference works outstanding in quality and significance. Only works published or otherwise made available for the first time during calendar year 1977 are eligible. Nominations should be sent to Thomas P. Slavens, Chairman, Dartmouth Medal Committee, c/o School of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109. The deadline is January 16.

APPOINTMENT

Minoru Kishida has been appointed librarian of the National Diet (Parliament) Library, Tokyo, succeeding Sadataka Miyasaka, who had held the post since 1972. He is the sixth librarian to serve in the cabinet-level post since the establishment of Japan's national library in 1948. The appointment was effective October 11.

A graduate of Tokyo Imperial University, Mr. Kishida began in 1934 his long civil service career with the Secretariat General of the House of Councillors, the upper chamber of the National Diet. He became Deputy Secretary General in 1965, and rose to the Secretary Generalship in 1972, a post which he held until his latest appointment as Librarian of the National Diet Library. He is coauthor of *Bunkazai hogohō shōsetsu* [The Cultural Properties Protection Act Annotated] published in 1950.

Mr. Miyasaka, after retiring from long government service, now resides in Fujisawa-city near Tokyo.

APPENDIX

A REPORT ON THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A NATIONAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM

An all-day meeting of the ad hoc Advisory Committee for a National Preservation Program was held at the Copyright Office in Arlington, Va., on September 22. This group, appointed in May, held their first meeting last summer at the conclusion of the American Library Association Annual Conference. Members present for the second meeting were Paul Banks, Newberry Library; Robert Feller, Carnegie-Mellon Institute of Research, Carnegie-Mellon University; Carl Spaulding, Council on Library Resources; David Stam, chairman, Preservation Committee, Association of Research Libraries; Allen Veaner, University of California, Santa Barbara; Frazer Poole (chairman), assistant director for preservation, Administrative Department, Library of Congress; and Norman Shaffer, national preservation program officer, Preservation Office, Library of Congress.

The meeting began with a discussion of the bibliographic foundations of a national preservation program. It is essential that early planning and development concentrate on this area, both to improve bibliographic control of negative microform masters and to anticipate control of a national preservation collection.

Mr. Shaffer distributed copies of a short paper on the history, publishing pattern, and importance of the *National Register of Microform Masters* (NRMM). He explained that this file, now exceeding one-half million entries, is the basis for any bibliographic control program developed in connection with a national preservation program. The feasibility and cost of automating at least part of this file are now under study. The committee expressed the hope that the Library of Congress would give the automation of NRMM a high priority.

Discussion next turned to *Newspapers in Microform* (NIM), a second bibliographic data base pertinent to national preservation activities. NIM, which records negative and positive films, is published in two volumes—one recording newspapers of the United States, the second recording foreign newspapers. Since the 1972 cumulations, annual supplements have been issued. A cumulation of these supplements, through 1976, is expected to appear in the near future. It appears that a variety of activities now in progress will eventually lead to the automation of many of the records in this file. The Library of Congress is now cataloging its newspaper holdings, beginning with domestic titles. Present planning calls for the eventual inclusion of these records in the CONSER data base.

A second project which will bring about better bibliographic control of newspaper microfilm files is being carried out under the aegis of the Organization of American Historians (OAH). The grand scheme calls for complete bibliographic data and file location information on all U.S. newspapers. With financial support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a pilot project is now under way in Iowa. It is anticipated that the data developed in this and other OAH projects will be added to the CONSER data base. To assist in this bibliographic activity, a manual on the cataloging of newspapers and the computerization of the cataloging data is now being prepared under the direction of the Library. This manual will provide standards for the treatment of bibliographic data relating to newspapers.

Turning to the topic of a national preservation collection, Frazer Poole noted that "national preservation collection" was not a completely appropriate title for such a collection since, in fact, it would probably be more in the nature of a national resource collection. In response to a question on what libraries would be willing to contribute to such a collection, Mr. Poole responded that initially they would probably give up those materials least valuable and least used. Obviously, the management of such a collection would need selection and rejection authority. To enlist the cooperation of the research community, the facility housing the collection would have to guarantee access, either in microformat or hard photocopy. Mr. Stam thought that librarians would undoubtedly be willing to part with sizable parts of their collections, but since faculty have traditionally opposed any weeding or remote storage there might be difficulties. The economic realities of level or reduced library material budgets and the curtailment of major library building programs might help persuade university administrators that the sharing of library resources is the best way to support diverse research programs.

Conservation training and preservation education

were discussed in some depth. Mr. Banks introduced his concept of a conservation engineer who would be versed in conservation techniques as well as knowledgeable about environmental problems such as temperature, humidity, and lighting. Mr. Poole emphasized his belief that the training of conservators should be given the highest priority and specialized positions such as that of the conservation engineer should be a later development. Mr. Banks detailed the types of persons which he believes a good training program should produce—administrators capable of directing preservation activities and conservators with the ability to assume responsibilities greater than working at the bench. The latter group should develop specialties in rare books, paper conservation, and conservation engineering. Also needed are technicians who would work under closer supervision than those conservators in the second group. Mr. Poole thought that both administrators and qualified conservators would need academic backgrounds, followed by appropriate intern training. He believed a three-year conservation program following undergraduate work and leading to a master's degree would be appropriate. The first two years of the program would concentrate on theory and practice, with the third year being an internship in a qualified conservation workshop.

In response to an earlier request, copies of the preservation leaflets prepared by the Preservation Office were distributed to the committee. These leaflets address some of the more common problems faced by individuals and libraries such as treatment of leather bindings and environmental conditions.

One difficult problem facing a national preservation program is the establishment of priorities for conservation treatment and microfilming. Mr. Banks suggested perhaps a conference of scholars could be convened to address the issue. Mr. Poole agreed that it was certainly a decision for a subject specialist. Most preservation microfilming taking place at the Library of Congress is done with the concurrence or on the specific recommendation of subject specialists. Recommendations are made on a title-by-title basis and there are no actual subject priorities. Mr. Stam was of the opinion that priorities for microfilming could follow acquisitions policies with the weight given to a particular acquisition category applied to the preservation of books.

The meeting concluded on the note that the National Preservation Program Office should continue to work on the automation of the NRMM, explore problems relevant to the establishment of a national preservation collection, and continue to gather information pertinent to a national preservation program. No date was set for the next meeting.

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